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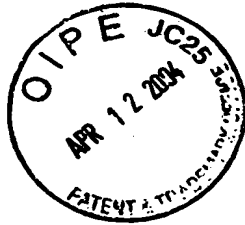
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the characterization of U.S. Patent No. 6,432,585, particularly its alleged disclosure of a coated tin core. Rather, applicants refer to pages 7-8 of their Reply After Final Rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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